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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/727,642	Applicant(s) REDECKER, MICHAEL	
	Examiner Camie S. Thompson	Art Unit 1774	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10, 14, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

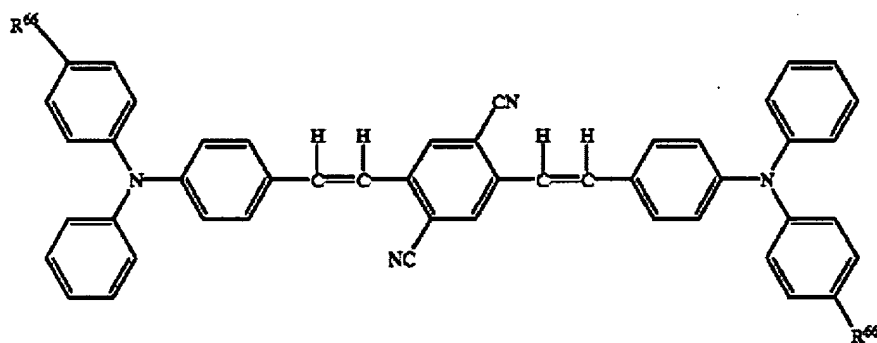
1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

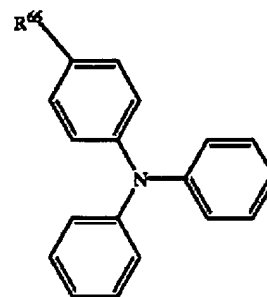
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ichimura et al., U. S. Patent Number 6,337,167.

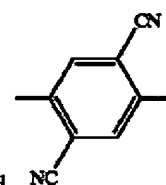
Ichimura discloses a chemical compound



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The compound of the Ichimura reference reads on the instant claims when

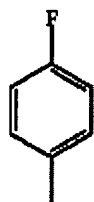


is the electron donor group; is the conjugated bridging element and is the electron acceptor group as per the instant claims. The reference also discloses that the chemical compound can be used in an electroluminescent display device (see Figure 32-35).

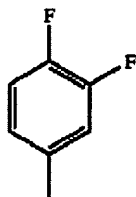
3. Claims 4, 9, 12-13 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not provide for the recited chemical compound, further including the electron donor group is selected from the group consisting of carbazole, thiophene and oligomers thereof. Additionally, the prior art does not provide for the recited chemical compound, further including the electron acceptor is selected from the group consisting of the following compounds of formulas 3a through 3m

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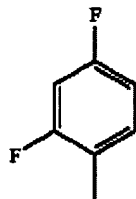
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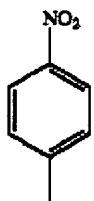
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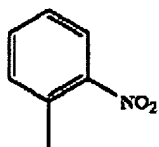


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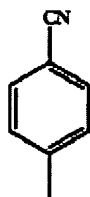


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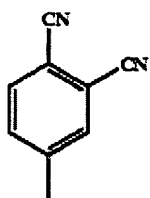
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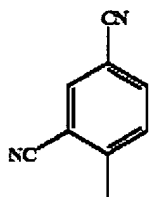
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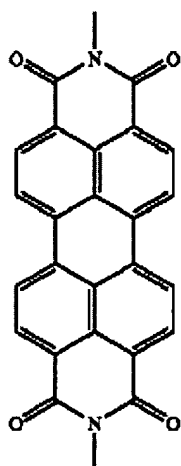
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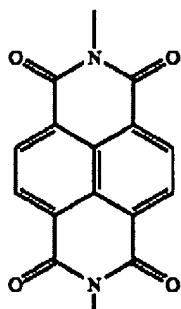
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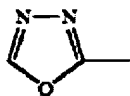
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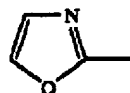
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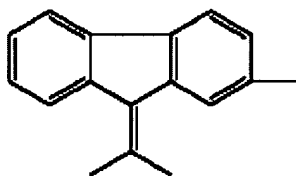
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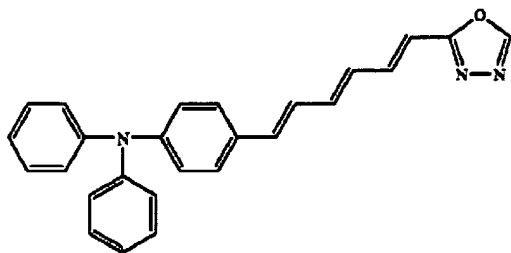


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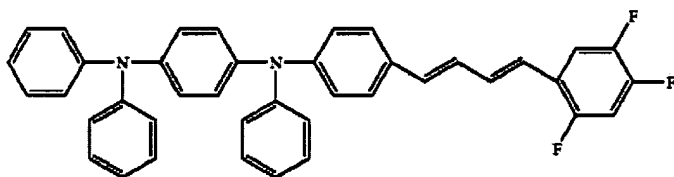
The prior art does not provide for the recited chemical compound, further including the compound being selected from the group consisting of the following compounds of formulas 4a through 4c:

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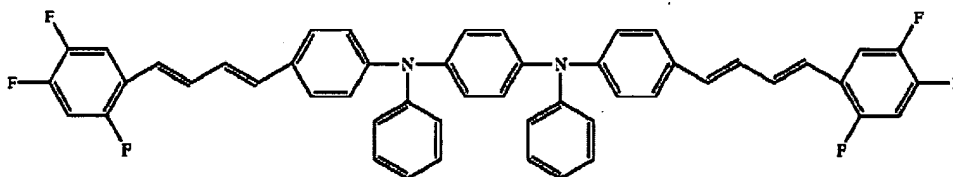
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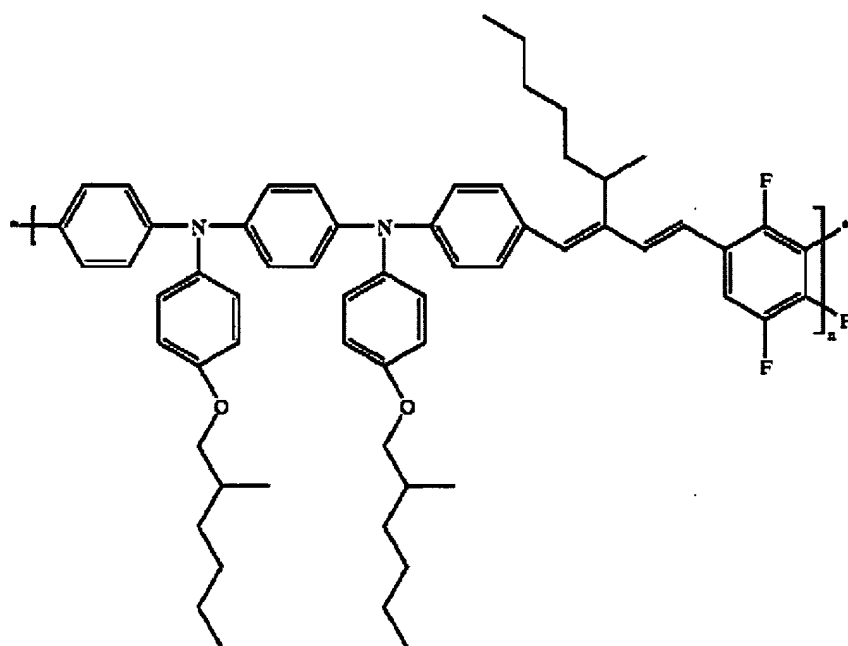
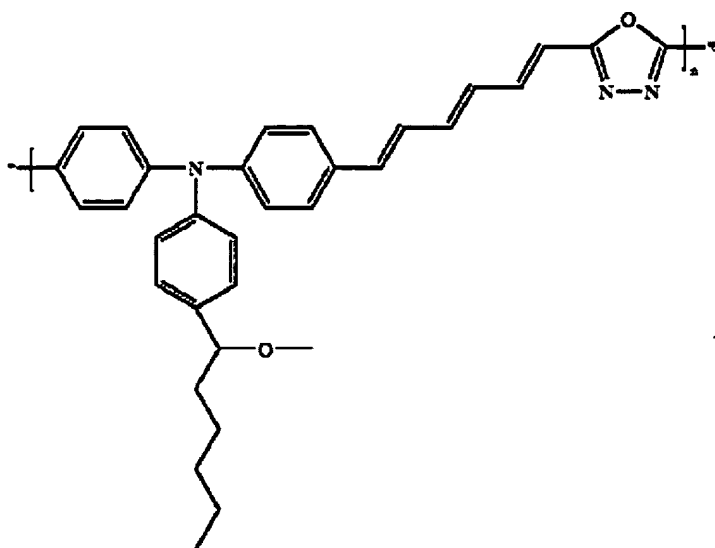


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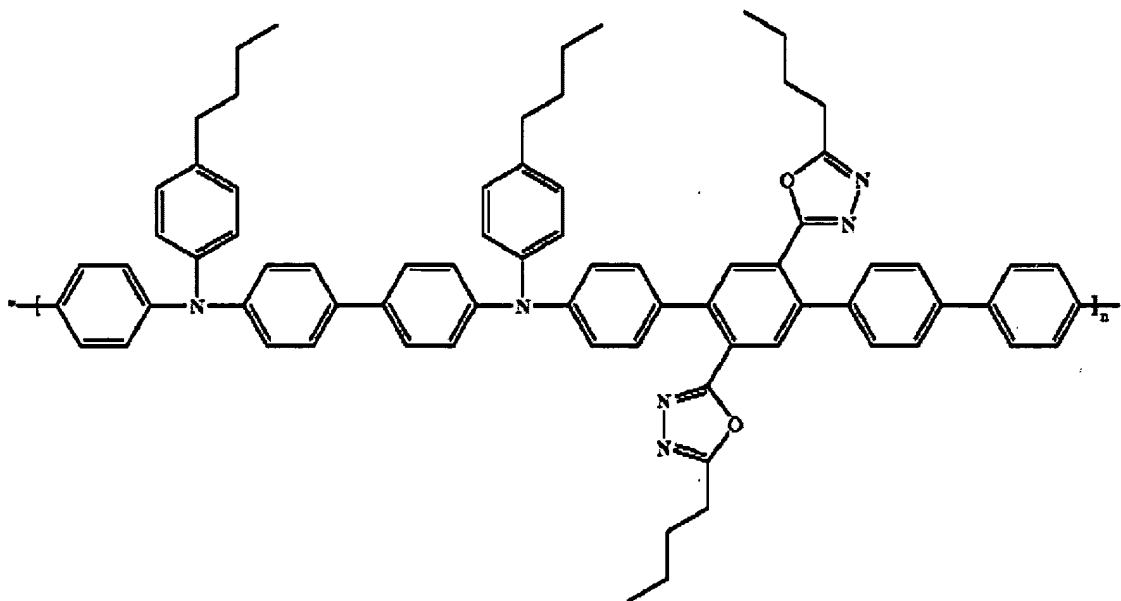


The prior art does not provide for the recited compound, further including the compound being selected from the group consisting of the following compounds of formula 5a through 5c:

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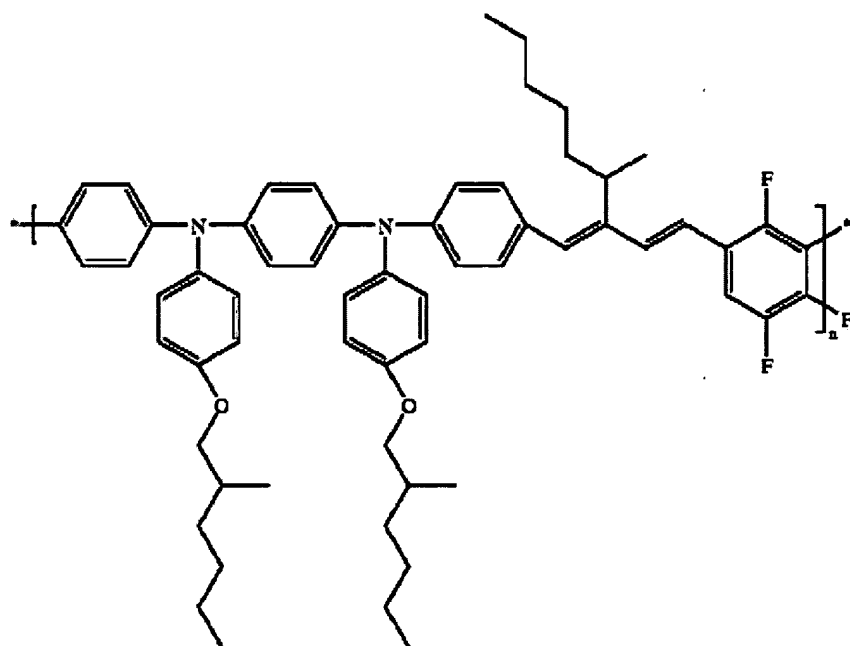
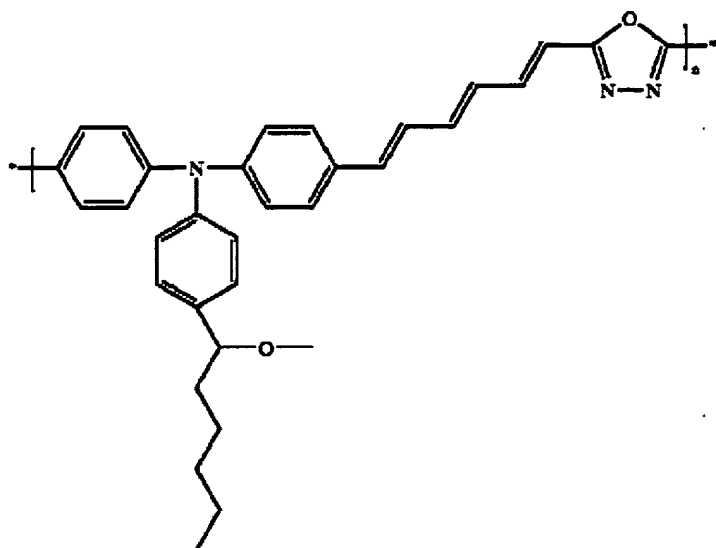


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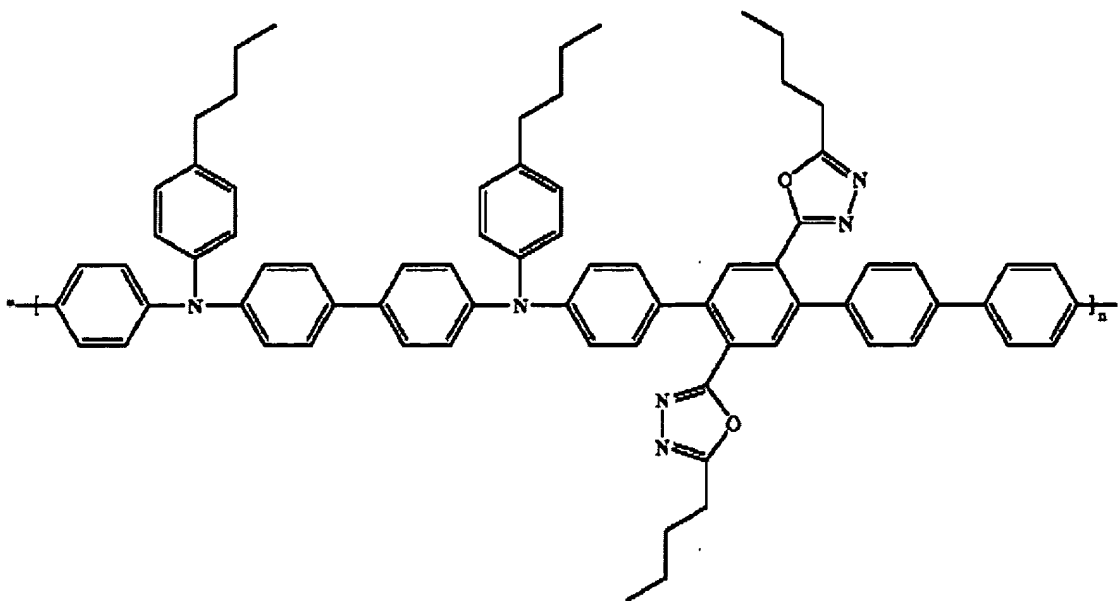


wherein n is a number ranging from 100 to 2,000. Also, the prior art does not provide for the recited chemical compound, further including the conjugated bridging element is a polymer having a main chain and a branched or side chain having an alkyl group or an alkoxy group. The prior art does not provide for a photoluminescence quenching device comprising the recited chemical compound wherein the device comprises a layer of polyethylenedioxythiophene/polystyrenesulfonic acid and an emitter polymer layer having a material selected from the group consisting of the following compounds:

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wherein n is a number ranging from 100 to 2,000.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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